

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 03, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Crane

GUESTS: Janet Gallimore, Idaho State Historical Society; JM Henry, Dave Sasser, Maria Schubin, Nicole Brown, Diane Schwartz, Carolyn Zeller, Cynthia White, Iris Prisament, Rick Shackelford, Moms Demand Action; Quinn Perry, Idaho School Boards Association; Kelli D. Brassfield

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

RS 27505: **Rep. Horman**, after discussion with constituents, discovered that turnout for off-cycle elections is very low. **RS 27505** removes the two extra dates that school boards are allowed to run bonds and levies and consolidates elections to occur on the regular May and November dates.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 27505**.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Horman** said **RS 27505** only applies to bond and levy elections. People often do not know where to find information about the elections or what was on the ballot. Rep. Horman drafted **RS 27505** based on voter turnout and the opinions of constituents but did not contact school districts, the Idaho School Boards Association or similar organizations.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27308: **Rep. Zito** said **RS 27308** brings uniformity and clarity to how the law regarding concealed and open carry is applied. **RS 27308** would allow everyone who can legally carry a firearm to open carry or concealed carry within city limits.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 27308**.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Zito** said she had spoken to local law enforcement and believed that **RS 27308** would not unduly impact or burden local law enforcement but said she would be happy to look into the potential for burden. Rep. Zito said she had not spoken to the Idaho Sherriffs Association and the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association said they would not actively oppose the legislation, but they would not support it either. Rep. Zito said **RS 27308** would clarify the law and allow people who can legally carry a firearm to concealed carry within city limits.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to return **RS 27308** to sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

SCR 118: **Rep. Hartgen** said **SCR 118** establishes March 14 as Idaho Women's Day. Rep. Hartgen introduced **Janet Gallimore**, the Executive Director of the Idaho State Historical Society. Ms. Gallimore recounted a brief history of women in Idaho and said **SCR 118** commemorates 100 years of women's suffrage and recognizes the contributions of women.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to send **SCR 118** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion passed by voice vote.** **Rep. Hartgen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 379: **Rep. Ricks** said **H 379** was similar to the previous bill he presented to the committee, but the emergency clause had been removed. **H 379** will take effect in July 2020 and therefore will not affect the upcoming presidential primary. People will be able to change party at any time until they vote.

MOTION: **Rep. Zito** made a motion to send **H 379** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During discussion, committee members expressed appreciation for the compromise in the bill, but still expressed concerns about potential voter suppression. Committee members acknowledged that primaries are designed for party members to choose their candidates for the general election.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ricks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM.

Representative Harris
Chair

Devon Powers
Secretary